

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VERSUS
JOSE MELCHOR MARTINEZ

CRIMINAL NO. 18-CR-00306
CHIEF JUDGE HICKS
MAG. JUDGE WHITEHURST

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON FELONY GUILTY PLEA
BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), and with the written and oral consent of the defendant, this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of Guilty Plea, and Allocution under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This cause came before the undersigned U. S. Magistrate Judge for a change of plea hearing and allocution of the defendant, **JOSE MELCHOR MARTINEZ**, on January 29, 2018. Defendant was present with his counsel Wayne J. Blanchard.

After said hearing, and for reasons orally assigned, it is the finding of the undersigned that the defendant is fully competent, that his plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary, and his guilty plea to Count One of the Indictment, is fully supported by a written factual basis for each of the essential elements of the offense.

Therefore, the undersigned U.S. Magistrate Judge recommends that the District Court **ACCEPT** the guilty plea of the defendant, **JOSE MELCHOR MARTINEZ**, in accordance with the terms of the plea agreement filed in the record of these

proceedings, and that **JOSE MELCHOR MARTINEZ** be finally adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment.

The defendant has waived his right to file an objection to the Report and Recommendation.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in chambers at Lafayette, Louisiana
this 30th day of January, 2019.



CAROL B. WHITEHURST
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE